

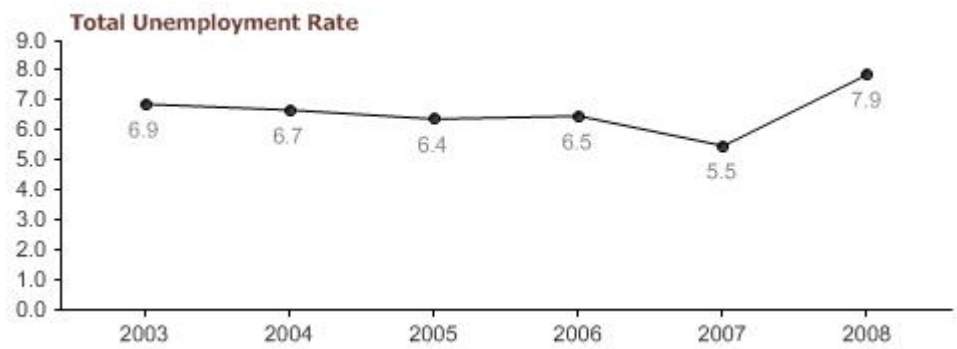
# Howard County, IN Highlights

## Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

### Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2008

	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	36,934	-11.5%
Employed	34,012	-15.9%
Unemployed	2,922	129.0%
Rate	7.9	154.8%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Area Rate	State Rate
1998	42,506	41,180	1,326	3.1	2.9
1999	42,536	41,469	1,067	2.5	2.9
2000	41,725	40,449	1,276	3.1	2.9
2001	41,309	38,989	2,320	5.6	4.2
2002	40,797	38,436	2,361	5.8	5.2
2003	39,942	37,204	2,738	6.9	5.3
2004	39,254	36,626	2,628	6.7	5.3
2005	39,100	36,589	2,511	6.4	5.4
2006	38,845	36,328	2,517	6.5	5.0
2007	37,745	35,674	2,071	5.5	4.6
2008	36,934	34,012	2,922	7.9	5.9

